

CIA HISTORICAL REVIEW PROGRAM
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FROM: GUATEMALA

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RE: LINC 2563

1. ONE GROUP CAMPESINOS FROM VILLAGE IN CHIQUIMULA CLAIMED PLOT OF LAND WHICH WAS EVENTUALLY GIVEN TO DIFFERENT GROUP ~~XXXXXX~~ EITHER THROUGH ERROR OR PURPOSELY. FIRST GROUP ATTACKED SECOND GROUP WITH MACHETES AND PISTOLS. COMMANDING OFFICER ARMY POST CHIQUIMULA FEARING INVASION FROM WSHOOPS TAKING PLACE GAVE ORDERS TO FIRE ON RIOTING CROWD. OVER 30 PERSONS KILLED INCLUDING CAMPESINOS AND DAN WORKERS. MOVEMENT WAS NOT OBJECTION TO EXPROPRIATION BUT PROTEST THAT LAND GIVEN TO WRONG GROUP. SOURCE ESCHEL. B 2. SINCE SUBMISSION OUR HGGA 1038 ESCHEL RECEIVED CONFIRMATION ABOVE INFO.

2. COMMENT: THERE ALSO INDICATIONS COMMIES EITHER AIDED THIS OR TAKING ADVANTAGE RESULT IN EFFORT WEAKEN MARTINEZ HOLD ON DAN AND INCREASE COMMIE POWER IN AGRARIAN MOVEMENT.

END OF MESSAGE

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